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Sustainable Development Goals
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Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has prepared a plan to involve Panchayats to prioritise Central Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and in preparation of a roadmap for meeting these goals;
(b) if so, the details thereof; and
(c) the details of the steps taken by the Union Government to involve panchayats in implementing various Central schemes and to achieve the desired goals?

Answer

(a) to (c) Ministry of Panchayati Raj (MoPR) has developed a draft vision document and broadly identified -Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) relating to poverty, hunger, health, education, gender equality and empowerment of women, clean energy, decent work and livelihoods, and eco restoration, afforestation, etc., wherein Panchayats can play important role in achieving the identified targets. Following initiatives have been taken by the Ministry for sensitizing States and PRI about their role in achieving SDGs:

1.During the current year, the States have been requested to focus on priority development areas of SDGs to be undertaken by Panchayats and funds have been provided for capacity building & training of elected representatives and other stakeholders of Panchayats for the same.
2.A one day inter-ministerial consultation was also organized to understand SDG related targets of Central Sector Schemes and the roles Panchayats can play in the attainment of such identified targets.
3.A three-day capacity building programme of Sarpanches and Panchayat Secretaries from eight States has been conducted from 30th November to 2nd December 2016 at New Delhi. Various topics including role of Panchayats in achieving SDGs have been covered in the Programme.
4.Three days National Write shop on "Panchayat Roadmap towards attainment of SDGs" was organized during 16th-18th December,2016 at Kerala Institute of Local Administration(KILA),Kerala with the objective to enable States to come up with a clear road map and operational framework for collaboration and convergence in respect of SDGs. A draft framework on role of Gram Panchayats in attainment of SDGs was developed and shared with the States during this workshop.
5.Ministry has developed resource material on sanitation, drinking water, animal husbandry and child development which has already been shared with the State Governments.